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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF KING'S VISIT - TIMING

1. COURT CHIEF SHARAF ASKED ME EVENING OF APRIL 6 WHY WE COULD NOT JOINTLY ANNOUNCE KING'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON AS EARLY AS MONDAY OR TUESDAY APRIL 11 OR 12. I REPLIED THAT CURRENTLY SADAT VISIT WAS CONTINUING WHICH MADE IT INAPPROPRIATE NOW TO FOCUS ON ANNOUNCEMENT AND THAT TRADITIONALLY JORDAN FOR SECURITY REASONS HAD WISHED US TO HOLD ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THIS SORT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE. HE ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA SIMULTANEOUSLY TO ANNOUNCE THE VISIT SOON, SINCE EVERYONE KNEW IT WAS COMING. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE MERELY SAY THAT KING HUSSEIN WAS TRAVELING AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND THAT VISIT WOULD BEGIN IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 25. I UNDERTOOK TO REPORT HIS REQUEST AND SEEK AN EARLY ANSWER. I ALSO REMINDED HIM OF THE KHADDAM VISIT PLANNED FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 17.

2. COMMENT: UNLESS THERE IS A VALID REASON TO DELAY ANNOUNCEMENT, IT WOULD PROBABLY HELP IN LOCAL PUBLIC OPINION TERMS TO MAKE AN EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF KING'S VISIT, THEREBY REINFORCING PUBLICLY THE CONTINUING NATURE OF OUR GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS IN THE FACE OF CURRENT LOCAL RUMOR CAMPAIGN THAT US IS GOING TO DUMP JORDAN IN FAVOR OF THE PLO. SEPTELS INDICATE

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STEPS SHARAF AND JORDAN HAVE TAKEN ALREADY TO COMBAT CAMPAIGN.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO SHARAF'S REQUEST FOR AN EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF KING'S VISIT.
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